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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in support of Raised Bill HB 5251 "An Act Concerning Workers' Compensation for Dispatchers".

I am in support of this bill, because all dispatchers should fall under the same classification as first responders, and especially have the same benefits as our counterparts within our community. We all work for the same cause, to help the citizens in their time of need, and make sure those in the field do it safely so they can go home to their families at the end of the day. We as dispatchers take pride in working hand in hand with our brothers and sisters in the field, and we should be given the same benefits for ourselves should we ever need to use them.

We as 911 dispatchers are the FIRST first responders. We should be classified as such so we can receive the proper training and workers compensation benefits, especially when it comes to mental health and portal to portal workers compensation coverage. We work hand in hand with our partners in the field who are classified as first responders, and it is only fair that we are recognized in the same classification as well.

Thank you in advance for your consideration,
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